

MARK TWAIN'S BOOK.

A Book Man Angry at a Nurse Who Read It and Did Not Laugh.

The father of Mrs. Anna Jansen of this city is an invalid whose malady has made him very peevish. He has been bedridden for many months and when everything does not move along to suit him he makes his displeasure known in a manner that cannot be misunderstood.

Not long since the mother and daughter had an unusually hard siege of night watching with the invalid. Both were tired out and in need of rest. The daughter asked a young man, a friend of the family, if he would not watch with the sick man for six hours from midnight.

Mrs. Jansen was about to retire when an idea entered her mind. "Maybe," said she, "you would like something to read. Here is Mark Twain's 'Roughing It.' It will amuse you, but under no consideration laugh while you are reading, for if you do father will think you are laughing at him and there will be a scene which might be unpleasant."

The young man discharged his duties as he supposed in a most acceptable manner, notwithstanding that when he took his leave the sick man thanked him very cordially.

When Mrs. Jansen paid her morning visit to her father she found him in unusually bad humor. In answer to a question the irascible old gentleman blurted out, "See, here, Enma, don't you ever send that nuns-kull to watch with me again?"

"Why, father, what is the matter with him? Was he not attentive to you? Did he not give you your medicine? Did he fall asleep?"

"No, no, no, but I was awake for two hours and I watched him reading Mark Twain's book all that time and—"

"Why, father," interposed Mrs. Jansen, "I gave him that book to occupy his time when he was not waiting on you."

"Yes, that's all right," said the invalid angrily, "but that fool sat there for two mortal hours reading that book and never smiled once."

The old gentleman was tranquilized when informed that the young man had only followed orders.—San Francisco Call.

ALCOHOL FOR THE TOILET.

One Woman's Experience with a Good Cure for Many Evils.

Some women say that alcohol is a bad thing for the skin, but those women have either used it unreasonably often or know nothing at all about it, for there is really no cosmetic that a woman can use with such good results as alcohol diluted with the purest rose water.

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The silt became in time sandstone, and the wood gradually passed through the stages of mineralization until it is now a wonderful tree of solid agate.

In after years water washed and at away the sandstone until a canyon forty-five feet in width has been formed, the flinty like substance of the agatized wood having resisted the erosion of the waterflow.

Fully fifty feet of the tree rests on one side and can be traced, but how far its other end lies buried in the sandstone cannot be determined without a tangle away the rock.

The trunk is side above the canyon varies in size from ten feet to three feet in diameter. Where the bark has been broken and torn away the characteristic colors of jasper and agate are seen. To the naked eye the wood is beautiful.

Under a microscope or miner's magnifying glass the brilliancy of the colorings are clearly brought out in all their wonderful beauty.

She Always Contradicted. An elderly man had for a wife one of those trying persons who, according to their own ideas are always in the right, and who make it a point of conscience to prove everyone else in the wrong.

The poor man was never allowed to make any statement without having it instantly disputed by his accurate but irritating spouse. She had acquired such a habit of correcting and contradicting him, that she one day made a mistake which gave her suffering husband a chance to laugh at her.

"Do you remember, my dear," he said in a retrospective mood, "the letter-case embroidered with pearl beads that you made for me with your own hands when we became engaged? It was worn out years ago, but I can still see it very plainly. On one side there was embroidered a beautiful butterfly, and—"

Harpooning Turtles.

Turtles are generally captured by turning them on their backs when they come ashore, but there is much better sport in harpooning them—a method followed among the keys and coral-banks that fringe the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

The harpoon consists of a short shaft made of iron, which fits loosely into a wooden pole nine feet long. Around the shaft a line is fastened, which should be strong and sixty fathoms long. The barb of the harpoon is an inch long, having two notches. If longer than this, it is liable to pierce deeper than the shell, and perhaps kill the turtle, which the fisherman has no wish to do.

The best sort of a boat to use is a foot skiff, with a lug-sail, which can be dropped in a hurry. A crew of two is necessary—one to look after the sail and be handy with a pair of oars, while the other looks after the tiller.

It is of no use to go after turtles in a calm. They sleep in the shallow water which fringes the keys, and always sleep with one eye open, so that using the oar sends the turtle off like a streak of light long before one is within striking distance. It is only when the surface of the water is rippled by a breeze that there is a chance of making a catch, so that the fishing has generally to take place in the afternoon.

The harpooner stands in the bow with the line carefully rolled between his feet. He has to keep a sharp lookout, and as soon as he spies a turtle resting on the white, sandy bottom he directs the helmsman by hand. As the boat gets above the creature, down goes the harpoon, the striker holding fast to the handle, for the water is seldom more than five feet deep.

If the strike is a successful one the pole comes away from the harpoon and is thrown into the boat. The sail must be lowered instantly, the oars taken out, and the boat headed in the direction the turtle has taken. As soon as this is done a strain is gradually put on the line, and the turtle is soon towing the boat.

This quickly puts the turtle out of breath, and he has to come to the surface for air. In half an hour, as a rule, he is alongside the boat, considerably exhausted. He is not, however, in the boat yet, and it is now the duty of the man who has had charge of the tiller to jump overboard and turn the turtle over on his back. This is no easy task, and the man generally has two or three good duckings before he is successful.

Not infrequently the captive makes a final dash for freedom, and the boat has to head for the new direction taken, and the steersman is left in the water. Sometimes the turtles head for the deep water, and if so it generally takes from two to three hours to land them, as they will sink to the bottom and suck the air coming up for breath only at long intervals.

Bridge of Agate.

A mining expert sent to investigate some Arizona properties for Denver capitalists recently returned and reports the finding of a most remarkable natural bridge formed by a tree of agatized wood spanning a canyon forty-five feet in width, says the Jeweler's Circular.

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All other baking powders are shown by the latest United States Government Report to be inferior to the Royal in both Purity and Strength.

(See Bulletin 13, Chemical Division of U.S. Agricultural Dept.)

Audiences are not permitted to applaud in Russian theatres.

In the world there are 51,000 breweries, nearly 26,000 of them being in Germany.

"Here's the latest thing out," said the grocerman, "a parachute goes with each kerosene can.—Judge

The Irish language is not a commercial language, though it is still spoken by persons who have business to transact.

The common gnat has 150 times as much wing surface per unit of weight as the Australian crane, which weighs 1000,000 times more than the gnat does.

The difference between realism and idealism is just the difference between a girl's opinion of her lover and the young man himself. —Semerville Journal.

Queen Anne of England was extremely fond of brandy, and her face became so bloated that among the populace she was known as "Brandy-Faced Nan."

At Selma, Ala., there is an artesian well which produces two tubes, one of which spouts pure cold water, the other warm water strongly impregnated with iron.

It costs 25,000 to buy and ship across the Atlantic the ten buffaloes recently taken over and placed in the park at Hagerswood castle, in Northumberland, England.

Africa comes to the front with a plant which drives mosquitoes away. It is a musk-scented plant, the branches of which carried about the person will frighten away mosquitoes.

A pneumatic tube connects Paris with Berlin. It is used for postal purposes, and makes it possible for a letter mailed in Paris to be delivered in Berlin in thirty-five minutes.

Last year 2,750 persons sent in claims for the maple sugar bounty offered by the government. This year 3,950 persons are entitled to bounties, and they will receive in the aggregate about \$70,000.

Many of the South Sea Islanders believe that Paradise can be inherited only by persons of perfect physical forms. Where this belief prevails a man will die rather than submit to amputation.

From Beloit, Wis.: J. A. Cowles, aged ninety-two years, has presented his wife with a coffin, made by himself, in honor of her eighty-ninth birthday. The couple have been married seventy years.

While some well diggers were at work recently in La Grange, Ga., about twenty feet from the surface they came upon several trunks of what seemed to be cedar wood, on which there were indications of cuts with sharp tools.

"Could you not, if you tried, grant me a place in that icy heart of yours?" "My heart may be of ice, as you say, Mr. Sophleigh. But all the same, I am not in the cold-storage business." —Indianapolis Journal.



Mr. Joseph Godfrey 10,000 Needles.

Seemed to be sticking in my legs, when I was suffering with a terrible humor, my legs being a mass of running sores from knees down. I was urged to take HOOD'S SASSAPARILLA and in a short time I was perfectly cured. I am an old sailor, aged 74, in the best of health, thanks to Hood's. JOE GODFREY, Halifax, Nova Scotia, N. S.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner Pills, assist digestion, prevent constipation.

A Detroit lady has for the last six months regulated the air of her room by a glass transom. When the room was too close she opened the transom to admit air, closing it at night to prevent draughts and exclude noise. It worked like a charm until she discovered that there had never been a glass in the transom.

The superintendent of the Sunday school had been telling the story of Adam in the Garden of Eden, finishing with the remark: "And so Adam was very happy. Now can any one of you children tell what misfortune befell him?" The small boy piped out: "Please, sir, I know; he got a wife."

Baggage handlers in Newark, N. J. noticing a very offensive smell from a trunk, concluded there was a corpse in it. This was followed up with vision of a terrible murder and there was quite an excitement until detectives opened the mysterious piece of baggage. It contained several ancient broken eggs.

"The accident, madam," said the young Chicago surgeon, encouragingly as he made his preparations to sew up the wound in the infant's lip, "will leave a scar, of course, but twenty years from now, when the little fellow has raised a mustache, it won't show a bit." "It isn't a baby that kind of doctor," replied the anxious mother.

One tanning extract mill at Clellan Bay, Wash., supplies the sixty odd tanneries on the Pacific coast. The belt of hemlock there is the most compact in the country. In making the extract the hemlock bark is ground to a powder and soaked in hot water for a day. The liquid is afterward boiled in a vacuum pan.

This from a young New York woman: "I always keep a bottle of vinegar on my toilet shelf. A teaspoonful taken as I am leaving my room to receive a caller or to go out to some social event has an excellent effect on my voice, clearing and softening it."

Coughs, Hoarseness, and Sore Throats: "Brown's Bronchial Troches" give immediate relief.

In the Yakima district, Washington a woman has started the development of a mine. She has just bought a complete sawmill outfit for cutting timber necessary in the operations.

In Samoa the king's adviser lives in a handsome house and the king in a shed alongside; the adviser receives a salary of \$5,000 a year and the king \$540. The chief police even gets \$1,500 a year.

BROWN'S PILLS will cure constipation, keep the blood cool and the liver in good working order, price 25 cents a box.

The new sanitary measures adopted in England within the last few years have reduced the number of deaths from consumption fully thirty per cent.

Australia delights in a fighting kangaroo, which boxes, wrestles, knocks out and generally disports itself after the manner of a professional prize fighter.

The saltiest piece of water on the face of the earth in Lake Urmia, Persia, more than 4,000 feet above the sea level. It is very shallow and no living thing can exist in it.

In the museum of the dead letter office at Danbury, Conn., there is a piece of parchment upon which is penned a copy of the Lord's prayer in fifty four different languages.

A rat's nest was discovered in an old residence at Danbury, Conn., a few days ago composed of twenty-one handkerchiefs, mostly red bandanas. All were in fair condition and the rats must have been a long time accumulating them.

Put up in neat watch-shaped bottles, sugar coated, Small Blue Beans.

Electric pleasure boats are now in use in many places. Storage batteries are used so then, although the novelty is somewhat expensive.

Recent researches in medicine show that persons having a tendency to gouty trouble generally improve more rapidly when they eat no fruit.

The kangaroo readily leaps from sixty to seventy feet. The highest recorded leap of a horse is thirty-seven feet.

The most novel and expensive collection of autographs in the country if not in the world is that of a Philadelphia merchant. Every one is worth at least \$5, and there are upwards of 50,000 of them. He began about five years ago to collect \$5 bills containing the signature of the different national bank presidents of the United States.

He has now nearly \$250,000 tied up in his queer scheme, and declares that his collection is not complete by many thousands of dollars yet. He is willing to give \$100 for a \$5 bill bearing the signature of a man who was at one time president of a certain short-lived bank in Ohio.

The public pleasure ground known as Sequoia park in Tulare county, Cal., contains a forest of giants. One of the trees is 347 feet in diameter at 75 feet high. Gen. Dorst, who was captain of the Fourth cavalry guard, he park from trees 1800 last summer and one tree 87 feet around the trunk at 10 feet from the ground and 280 feet high; another 97 feet around the trunk where there were hundreds of only majestic sequoias. Deer, grouse and quail are in the park, and it is now now stocked with trout.

A fox, while prowling about Southbury, Conn., says the evening Union, caught his tail in a barbed wire fence. In the attempt to escape he twisted about the wire several times and finally anchored himself in that novel way. Mr. Fox was quickly dispatched.

The State University announces that it cannot undertake to enroll more than fifteen hundred students for the coming year. It will receive all up to the number in the order of their application. Though the term does not open until the week after the State Fair, students may enroll at any time, but the number is constantly increasing who desire to enter this, the leading institution of the state, where six years higher education is offered absolutely free.

There is an exhibition in a show window in Butte, Mont., a very large moose horn grafted into the base of a tree. It has been in that position for years, as the tree has grown around it so as to get such a grip on it that cutting the wood away is the only means of separating the two. It is evident that at some remote period the moose arch of the woods was caught in a tree and in trying to extricate himself the horn was broken off.

Sample Package Mailed Free. Address Small Blue Beans, New York.

In New York women who teach cooking to private classes or lecturing and give demonstration lesson charge 25 per pupil for a course of twelve lectures. Single admissions are fifty cents. A woman who gives a private lesson to a single pupil charges her \$8. In Boston teachers of cooking in the public schools receive from \$150 to \$750 a year. In Philadelphia teachers receive from \$650 to \$750. In Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, one teacher of cookery receives \$4,000.

No other soap has ever been made of half the merit of Dobbins' new Perfum Soap. One trial will drive all other soaps out. Please ask your grocer for it.

"Uncle John," said little Emily, "do you know that a baby that fed on elephant's milk gained twenty pounds in a week?" "Nonsense!" exclaimed Uncle John; and then asked, "Whose baby was it?" "It was the elephant's baby," replied little Emily.

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For the next ten years the bulk of spruce timber in Maine will be made into pulp. Spruce makes tougher paper than poplar.

N. K. Brown's Essence Jamaica Ginger will aid indigestion. None better. Try it 25 cents.

African travellers say that the white rhinoceros frequently dies from eating poisonous plants which have no effect on the black one, probably because the fine scent of the latter tells him it is

D. E. FORSTALL, M. D., Eye and Ear Specialist, York, Neb. Correspondence solicited.

The average number of Americans patents issued yearly is about 20,000. England, which comes nearest to us, issued only about 4,000 a year, and its system is very much more lax than ours. Patents are issued in England without any condition as to novelty or merit, and not two applications in a hundred are rejected. In Prussia the number granted annually is less than 100; in Belgium, 1,500 to 2,000.

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Properly speaking harpins are tools. Women can do any thing with a harpin except churn butter and play on a piano. She can pick a lock, cut out the edges of her magazine; she can cur her black hair and all her costume with one. She can raise her spine from its curve and mend her corset with this little harpin. With a harpin of woman's intuition, why likely she could run an ocean steamship.

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